

Fort Totten Adjutant's Office
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake Vicinity
Benson County
North Dakota

HABS No. ND-5

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DESCRIPTIVE ARCHITECTURAL DATA

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STATE NORTH DAKOTA	COUNTY BENSON	TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN'S ADJUTANT'S OFFICE		HABS NO. ND-5
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Route 57.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built between 1868 and 1871.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are brick. A rubble foundation supports the building. The structural system consists of load-bearing brick walls with wooden interior framing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The T-shaped, one-story building measures 55'-9" (seven-bay front) x 56'-5 1/4".		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The porch is a simple wooden projection with wooden columns painted white. The main building has a hip roof with wooden shingles and a simple wooden cornice. The rear addition has a flat roof with a build-up roofing. Sidelights flank the entrance.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The original walls are plaster on wood lath. The remaining walls are wood stud with gypsum board with the exception of the south addition which has exposed brick walls. The ceilings are acoustic tile with exceptions of the anteroom which has a pressed tin ceiling and the south addition which has a vaulted plaster on brick ceiling in the first room and a concrete slab in the second room.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Originally there was one chimney.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the building is good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the building.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Data is based on HABS Architect's Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972. National Register listing.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, historian, Historic American Buildings Survey	DATE April 8, 1980	

FLOOR PLAN:

The original Adjutant's Office was a small building, 39'-9" x 27'-11", but it now consists of a small anteroom, 10' x 7'. From this, a door on the right opens into a bedroom connected to another bedroom at rear. The door to the left of the anteroom opens into the kitchen, and both the kitchen and the anteroom open into a 22'-4" x 15'-6" living area. Opening from the living area are two additions, one to the south containing two rooms and one to the east containing a hall, bath, pantry, utility room, and a bedroom.